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SURRENDER TO TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the early execution of Broadband Internet Services through fixed line as well as WLL in various parts of Assam especially in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji under Tezpur Secondary Switching Area (SSA) in Assam;

(b) the number of subscribers who have surrendered the BSNL services for Mobile and Land-line Connections in Assam Telecom circle for last two years, as on date, Secondary Switching Area (SSA) wise; and (

(c) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the BSNL Services for Mobile and WLL in North East Region to make it compatible with private service providers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, Broadband services through fixed line is already available in Lakhimpur.Broadband services are planned in Dhemaji during 2007-08 and expected to be made available by 31-3-2008. Internet service through Fixed line is already available in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji.Also Internet services through WLL is available in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji (upto 144 Kbps). The WLL Enhance Variable Data Optimize (EVDO) Base Transceiver Station (BTS) are also planned at both the sites during 2008-09 for providing Bandwidth upto 2 Mbps .

The status of Broadband services in Assam Circle is furnished in enclosed Annexure-1.

(b) The number of subscribers who have surrendered the BSNL mobile and landline connections in Assam Telecom Circle for the last two years up to 31-01-2008 SSA- wise is furnished in enclosed Annex -2.

(c) The steps taken by BSNL to update the Mobile and WLL services in NE Region are detailed below:

(i) Mobile Service: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has made a plan to increase the mobile network with 11.6 lakh lines in the North East Region under new mobile expansion project to upgrade the BSNL Mobile Service.

(ii) WLL Services:To upgrade WLL services in the country including North East Region, BSNL has taken the following steps:

(iii) BSNL has planned upto 3 BTSs per Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) to increase coverage of WLL services which will cover almost the entire country and also improve the quality of service,

(iv) Battery charger of Fixed Wire Telephone (FWT) modified to operate in the voltage range of 90v-300v,

(v) Provision of high capacity external maintenance free battery with FWT for providing larger talk time and standby time.